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SUBJ: POLITICAL ROUNDUP

1. PM DEPARTS FOR NATO SUMMIT: PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES LEFT MAY 28 FOR THE NATO SUMMIT, NOTING THAT HE HOPED TO "DETOXIFY" INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION AFFECTED BY THE "CAMPAIGN BEING CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE YOUNG PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY."

2. PCP RALLY IN SUPPORT OF AFM. ON MAY 28 EVENING, PCP SPONSERED LARGE AND ORDERLY PRO-AFM RALLY WITH THE SUPPORT OF MDP, FSP, AND INTERSINDICAL. CROWD MARCHED TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE WHERE IT WAS GREETED BY PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC). RC MADE OFFICIAL STATEMENT SAYING THAT "SHARPENING OF THE PARTY STRUGGLES IS PREJUDICIAL TO THE WORKING OUT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS" AND "THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS UNDER WAY BELONGS TO NO PARTY." (COMMENT: SPOKEN BEFORE A PCP RALLY, THIS STATEMENT IS A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LESS THAN VEILED WARNING THAT THE PCP TOO IS INCLUDED IN AFM UN-

HAPPINESS WITH PARTIES.)

3. ANTI-NATO RALLY: ANTI-NATO RALLY ON AT SAME TIME AS PCP RALLY. UDP MARCHED BY EMBASSY WITH ABOUT 1200 DEMONSTRATORS. EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR EMBASSY WAS PROVIDED BY SMALL FORCE OF COPCON MARINES. NO OTHER INCIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PORT VISIT OF THE STANAVFORLANT SQUADRON HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

4. LISBON IS WORRIED ABOUT ANGOLA: MAY 29 PAPERS CARRIED STORY OF "RECALL" OF PORTUGUESE CHARGE FROM KINSHASA, (EMBASSY KINSHASA REPORTED THAT ZAIRE GAVE HIM 24 HOURS TO GET OUT) AND SAID AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE VICTOR ALVES WOULD BE SENT TO ZAIRE ON A SPECIAL MISSION. SPECIAL MAY 28 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING ON ANGOLA WAS PRESIDED OVER BY THE PRESIDENT. FONMIN ANTUNES IS NOT ACCOMPANYING GONCALVES TO SUMMIT BECAUSE HE MUST DEVOTE FULL TIME TO INCREASINGLY SERIOUS ANGOLA PROBLEM.

5. ATTEMPT TO PUBLISH REPUBLICA FAILS: AN ATTEMPT BY REPUBLICA EDITOR RAUL REGO TO PUBLISH AN EDITION OF REPUBLICA ON THE PRESSES OF THE SETUBAL NEWSPAPER "O SETUBALENSE" HAS FAILED. INTERVENTION BY THE WORKERS COMMISSION OF "O SETUBALENSE" IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINTERS OF "REPUBLICA" PREVENTED DISTRIBUTION OF 40,000 COPIES OF A SPECIAL EDITION IN THE REPUBLICA FORMAT. THE EDITOR OF "O SETUBALENSE" ANNOUNCED THAT IF THE EDITION OF REPUBLICA CANNOT BE DISTRIBUTED HE WILL CLOSE "O SETUBALENSE" AS WELL.

6. COPCON CLOSES DOWN MRPP HEADQUARTERS: IN SIMULTANEOUS RAIDS COPCON UNITS HAVE CLOSED DOWN MRPP (MAOIST) HEADQUARTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. NEAR MIDNIGHT RAIDS MAY 28 TOOK PLACE ON HEADQUARTERS IN LISBON AND COIMBRA. SIMILAR RAIDS HAVE REPORTED TAKEN PLACE ELSEWHERE. THE OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR RAIDS WAS DETENTION AND "TORTURE" OF EX-SOLDIER BY MRPP MILITANTS IN COIMBRA. THE FACT THAT THE DETENTION TOOK PLACE A FULL WEEK AGO SUGGESTS THAT MOVE AGAINST THE MRPP WAS CALCULATED ACT. ACTION WILL BE TAKEN -- AND PROBABLE WAS INTENDED-- AS CLEAR WARNING TO OTHER POLITICAL GROUPS, MOST NOTABLY SOCIALISTS, THAT THE AFM IS PREPARED TO MOVE AGAINST HOSTILE POLITICAL PARTIES. MRPP HAS BEEN LONGEST AND MOST OUTSPOKEN FOE OF AFM--AND PCP.)
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